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Nebraska Federal Indicators Matrix - Round 2

Review Period: May 2019

NEBRASKA Good Life, Great Mission, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	Absence of Maltreatment Recurrence	Absence of Maltreatment in Foster Care	Timeliness and Permanency of Reunification	Timeliness of Adoption	Permanency for Children in Foster Care	Placement Stability
Federal Target:	94.60%	99.68%	122.6	106.4	121.7	101.5
Eastern	96.79%	99.88%	114.6	144.4	157.2	104.5
Southeast	93.87%	99.41%	117.2	180.0	152.9	115.6
Central	97.09%	100.00%	120.3	153.4	203.0	116.0
Northern	96.26%	99.86%	123.5	153.3	179.8	116.9
Western	97.24%	99.86%	123.6	173.8	189.8	118.2
State	96.26%	99.81%	110.8	156.9	169.2	110.8

Note: Youth throughout the state who are placed in YRTC are reflected in the Federal Measures for the Central and Southeast Service Areas due to the YRTC's being located in Kearney and Geneva.

= Passing the Federal = Not Passing the Federal Indicator NEBRASKA
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Nebraska Federal Indicators Matrix Round 3 Indicators

= Passing

= Not Passing

Nebraska Federal Indicators Matrix - Round 3

Review Period: May 2019

NEBRASKA Good Life, Great Mission, DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	Recurrence of Maltreatment	Maltreatment in Care	Youth Entering Care Achieving Permanency in 12 Months	Re-Entry within 12 Months of Discharge	Youth in Care 12 - 23 Months Achieving Permanency in 12 Months	Youth in Care 24+ Months Achieving Permanency in 12 Months	Placement Stability
Target:	≤ 7.9%	≤ 7.00	≥ 43.8%	≤ 8.3%	≥ 46.2%	≥ 36.3%	≤ 4.12
Eastern	6.6%	6.38	34.5%	4.2%	44.2%	45.4%	3.48
Southeast	8.4%	4.53	42.1%	4.1%	62.1%	48.4%	3.03
Central	1.8%	2.22	40.9%	2.6%	54.3%	67.1%	2.63
Northern	3.1%	4.49	40.1%	3.3%	63.9%	54.2%	2.22
Western	1.0%	8.97	50.9%	8.4%	62.8%	57.4%	2.18
State	5.7%	5.62	39.9%	4.5%	53.5%	50.0%	2.92

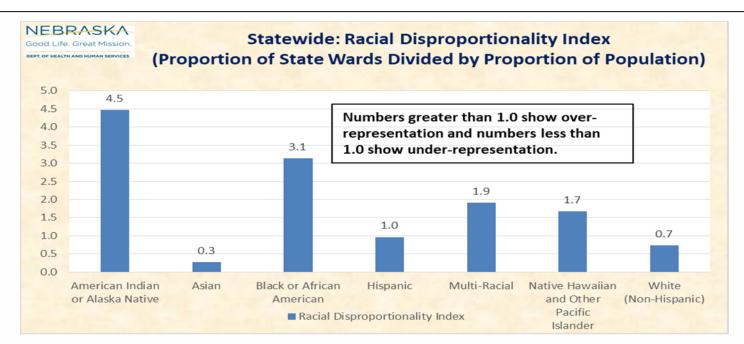
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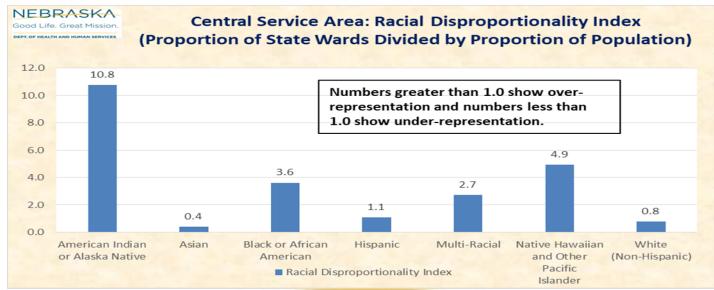
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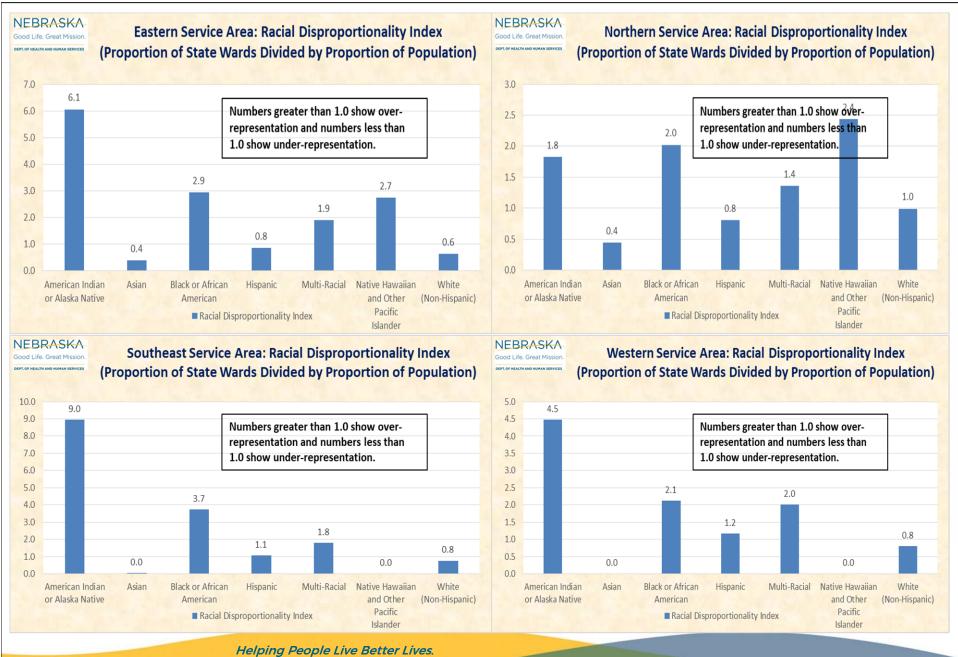
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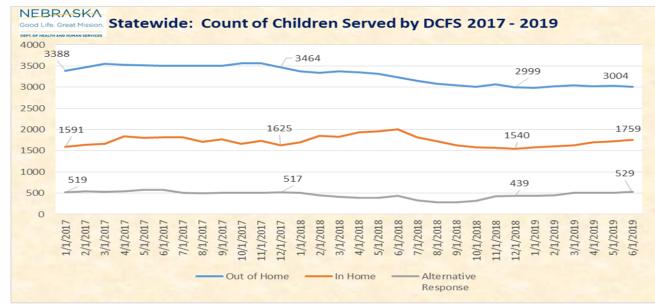
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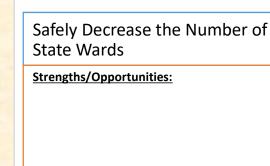


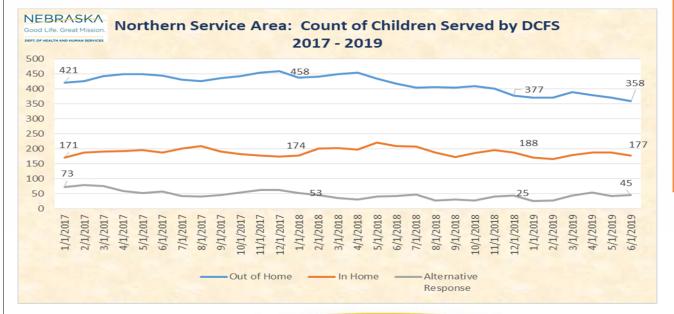
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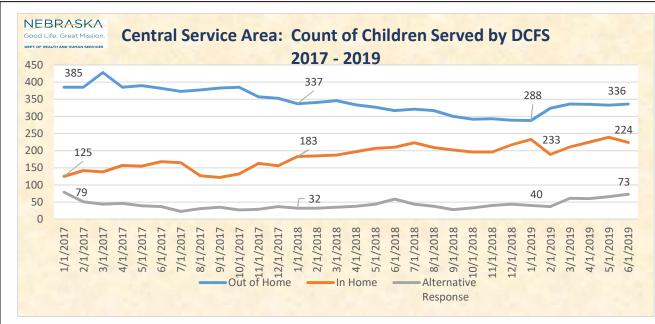
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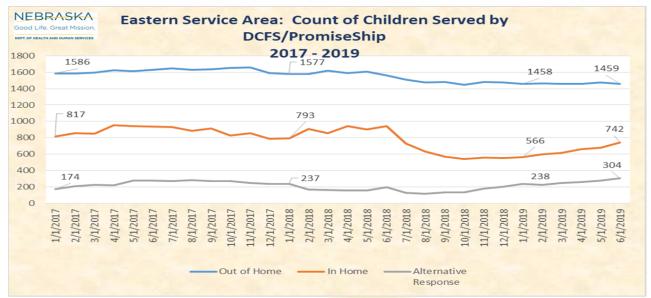
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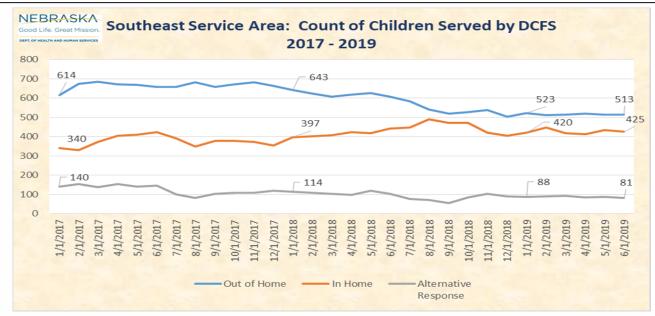
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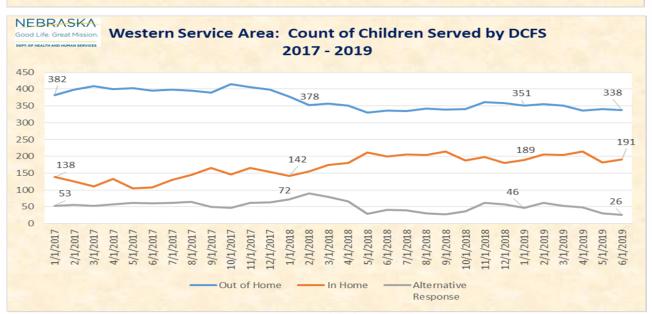
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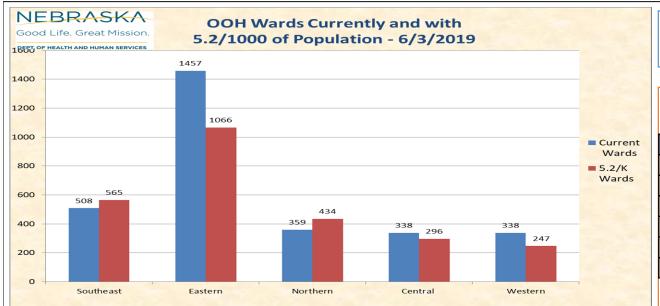
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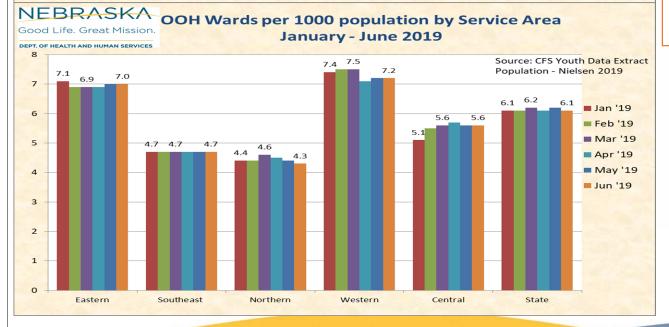
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Note: Nielsen Youth Population Details:

	2016	2017	2019	Difference
Central	57000	56909	60050	3141
Eastern	202439	205004	208775	3771
Northern	83776	83426	84259	833
Southeast	107825	108677	107663	-1014
Western	47883	47443	46670	-773
State	498923	501459	507417	5958

Between 2017 and 2019 Clay and Nuckolls were reassigned from the Southeast Service Area to the Central Service Area resulting in the transfer of 2428 children.

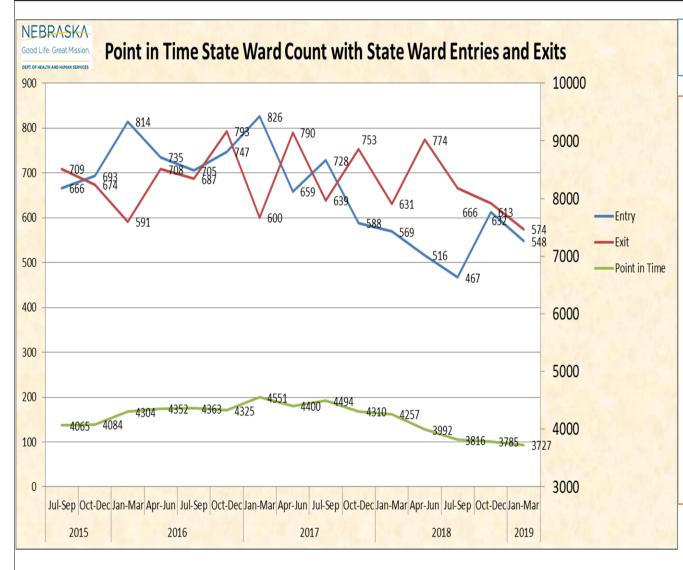
Out of Home Court wards using Nielsen Youth Population.

Note: Count by County Report is now available.

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Strengths/Opportunities:

Barriers:

Action Items:

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LB-561 became effective Oct 1, 2013. This resulted in youth being cared for by probation rather than CFS





N-Focus Legal Status field. An entry occurs when a child is made a state ward. An exit occurs when the Legal Status changes to non-ward - not when it is entered into NFocus. Entries include youth that go from non-court to court. Counts based on date of action, not entry date into N-FOCUS. Statewide numbers include counts for YRTC.

Safely Decrease the Number of State Wards

Strengths/Opportunities:

Barriers:

Action Items:

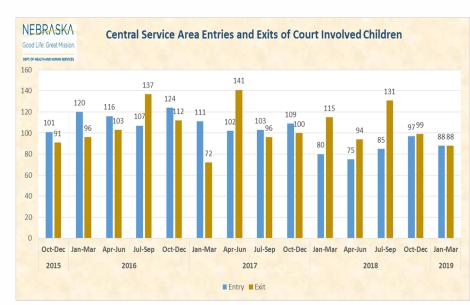
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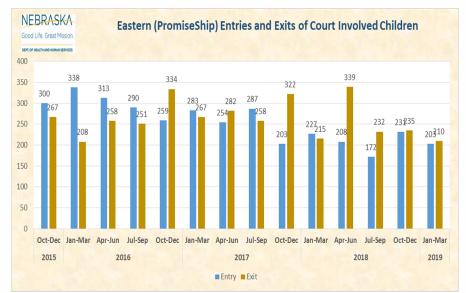
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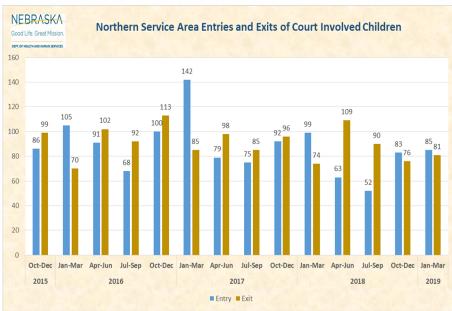
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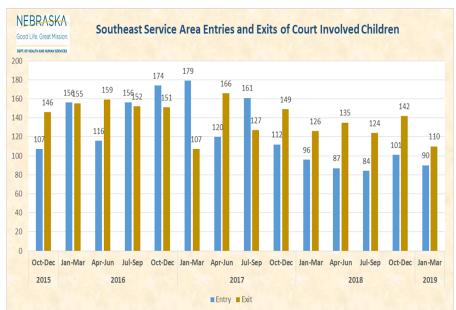
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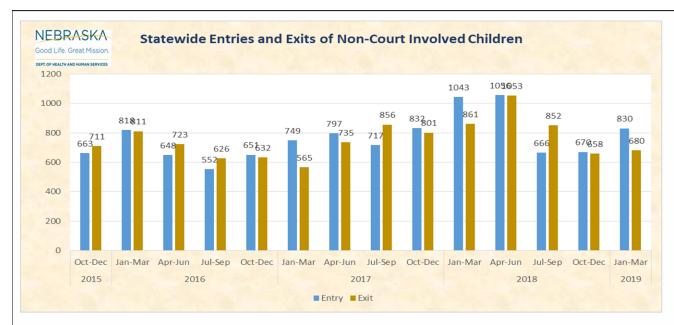
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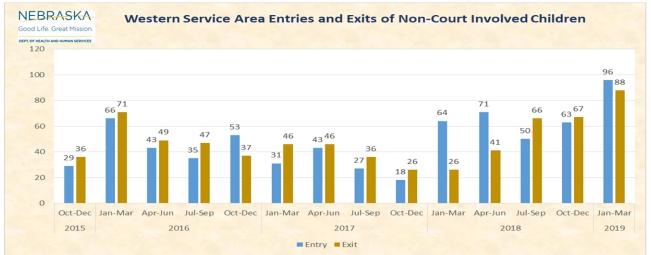












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Safely Decrease the Number of Non-Court Cases

Strengths/Opportunities:

Barriers:

Action Items:

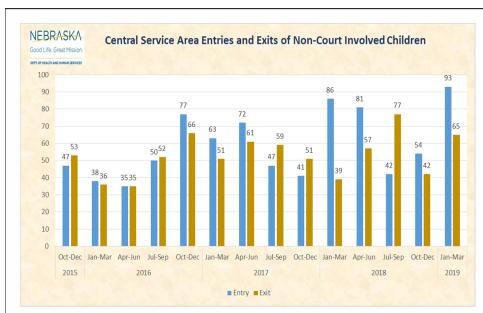
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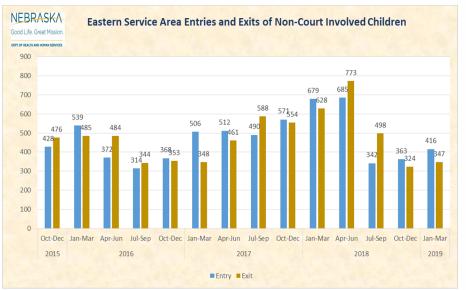
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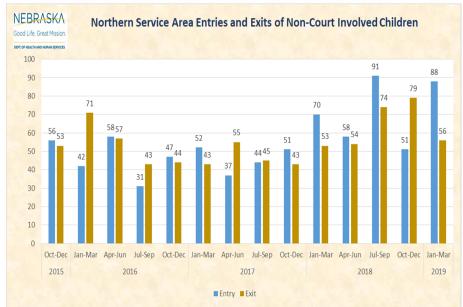
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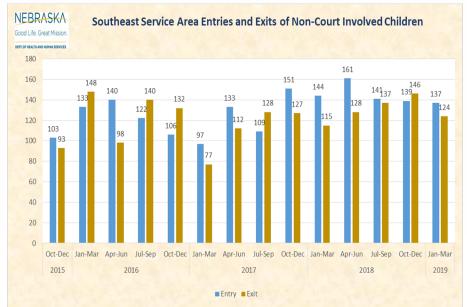
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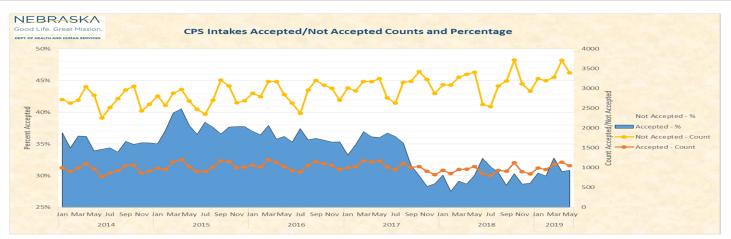
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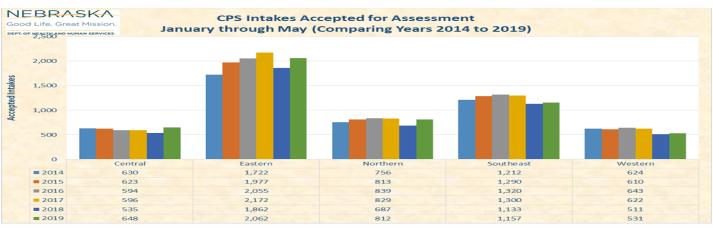
Safety Outcome 1: Children are, first and foremost, protected from abuse and neglect.

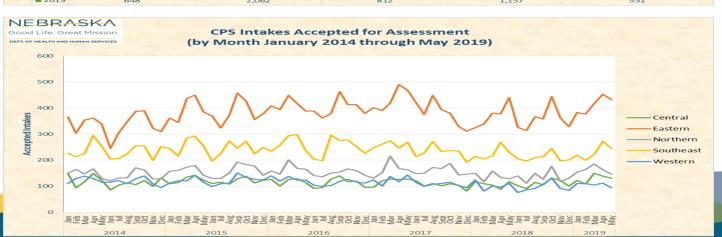
Safety Outcome 2: Children are safely maintained in their homes whenever possible and appropriate



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CPS Intakes Accepted

Strengths/Opportunities:

Barriers:

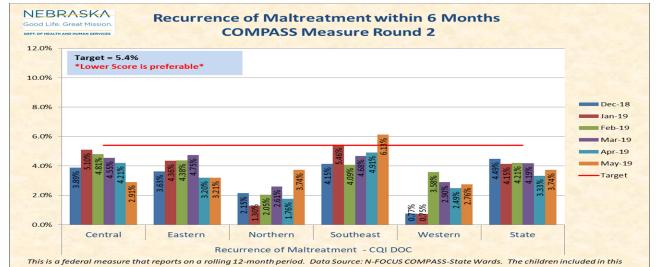
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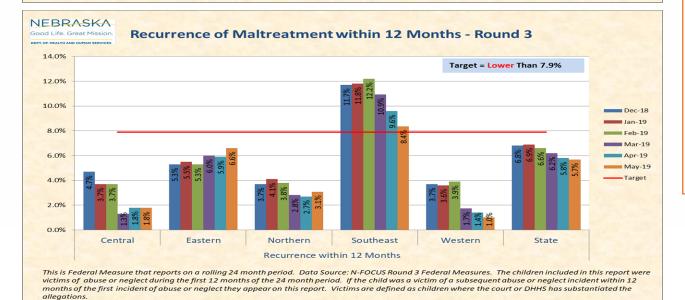
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Recurrence of Maltreatment

Strengths/Opportunities:

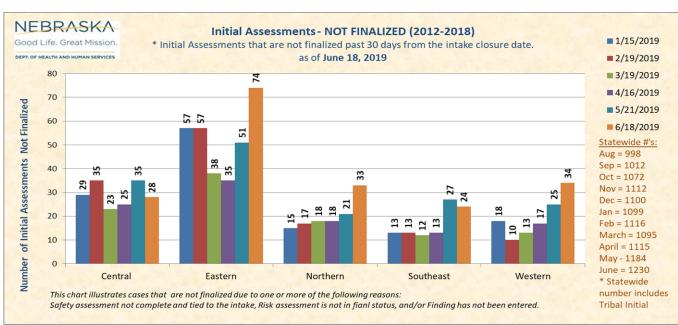
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Action Items:

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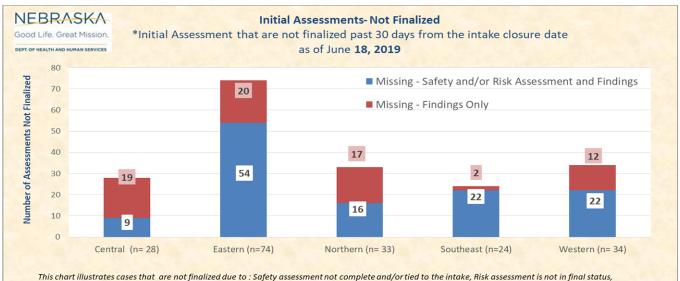


IA – Investigation Timeframes

Strengths/Opportunities:

Barriers:

Action Items:



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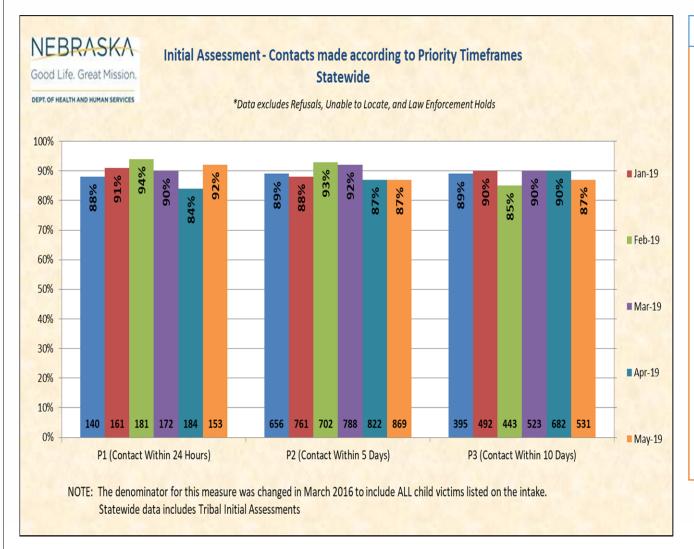
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and/or Finding has not been entered. vs. those not finalized due to missing findings only.

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Note: Intakes accepted for APSS or OH investigations were included in this measure for the first time in November 2013.

IA – Contact Timeframes

Strengths/Opportunities:

Barriers:

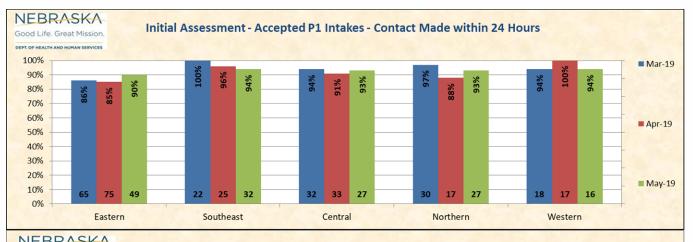
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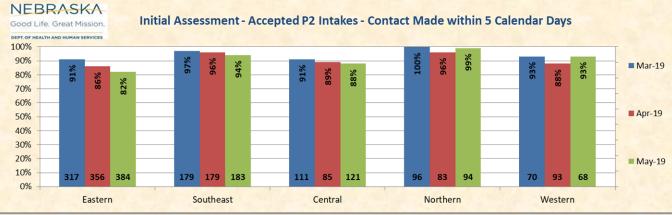
Data on this page currently excludes all youth victims involved in an intake if an exception to contact was entered on the intake. Starting April 2017, the report will <u>only</u> exclude specific youth in the intake that are applicable to the exception. All other youth who are part of the same intake but are not part of the exception will be included in the numerator and denominator for this measure.

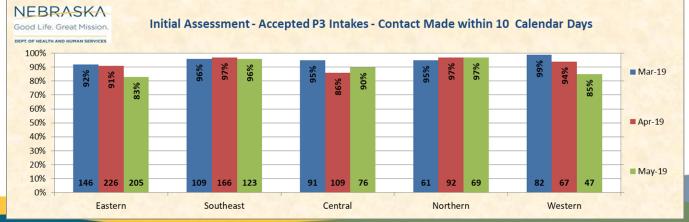
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IA – Contact Timeframes

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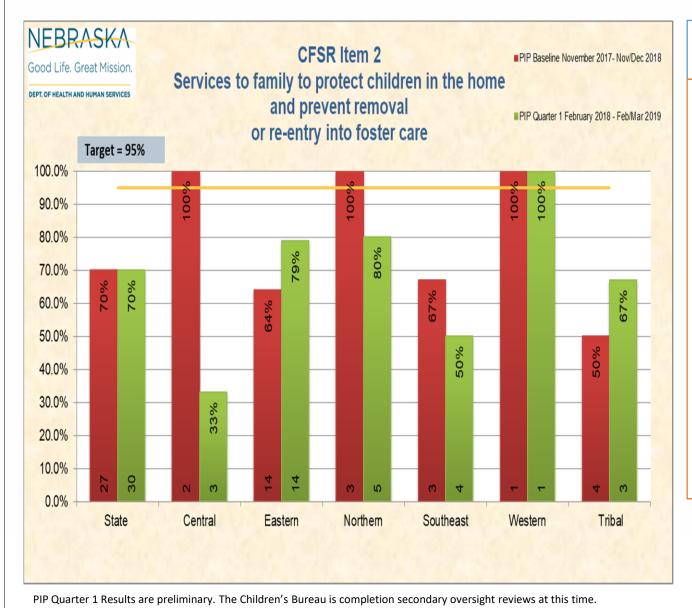
Action Items:

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Services to Family to Protect Children – CFSR Item 2

Strengths/Opportunities:

Barriers:

Action Items:

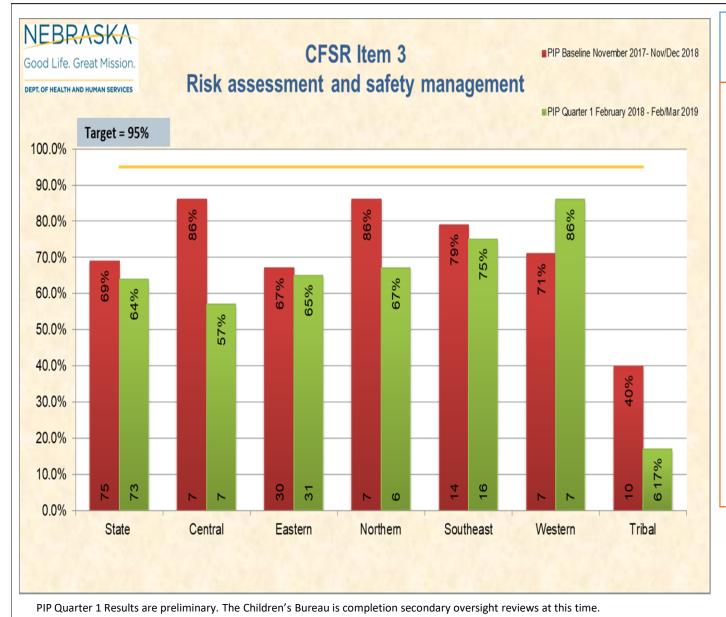
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Safety and Risk assessment and management – CFSR Item 3

Strengths/Opportunities:

Barriers:

Action Items:

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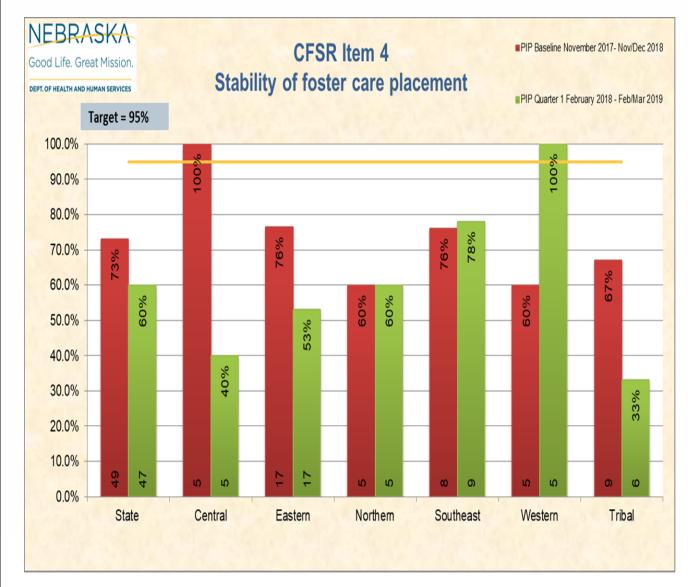
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Permanency Outcome #1: Children have permanency and stability in their living situation.

Permanency Outcome #2: The continuity of family relationships and connections is preserved for children.



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Stability of Placement – CFSR Item 4

Strengths/Opportunities:

Barriers:

Action Items:

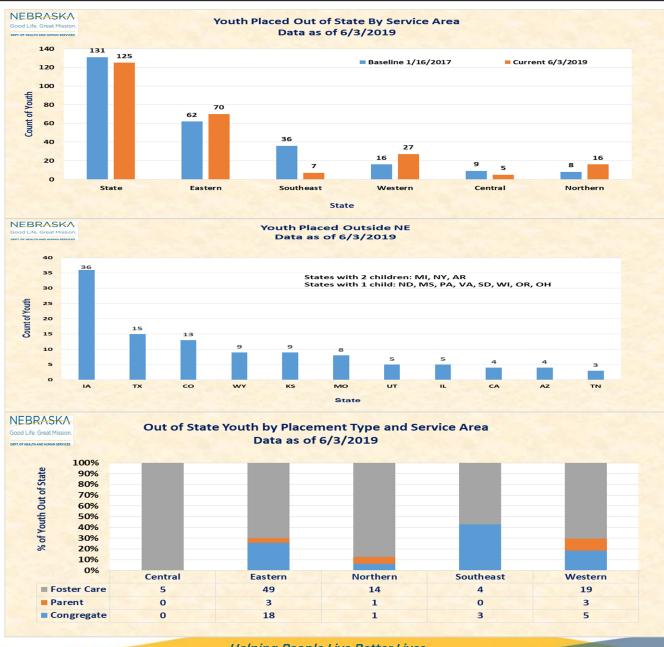
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Youth Placed Out of State

Strengths/Opportunities:

Barriers:

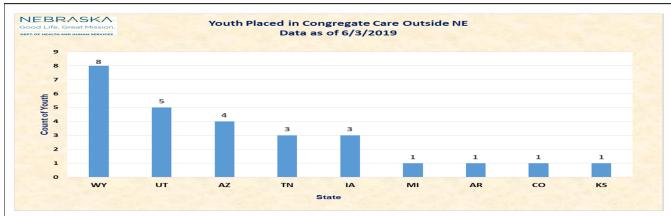
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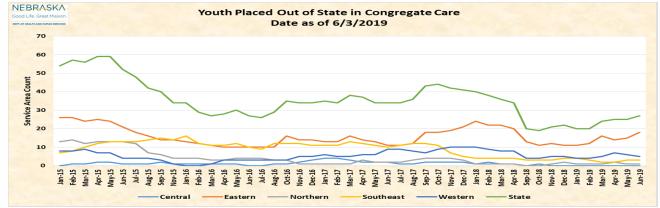
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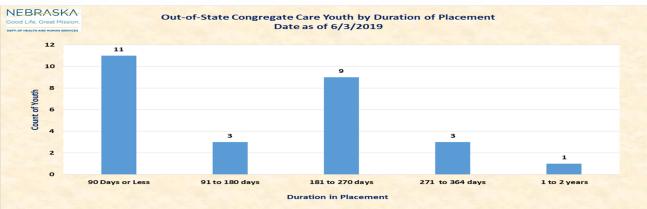
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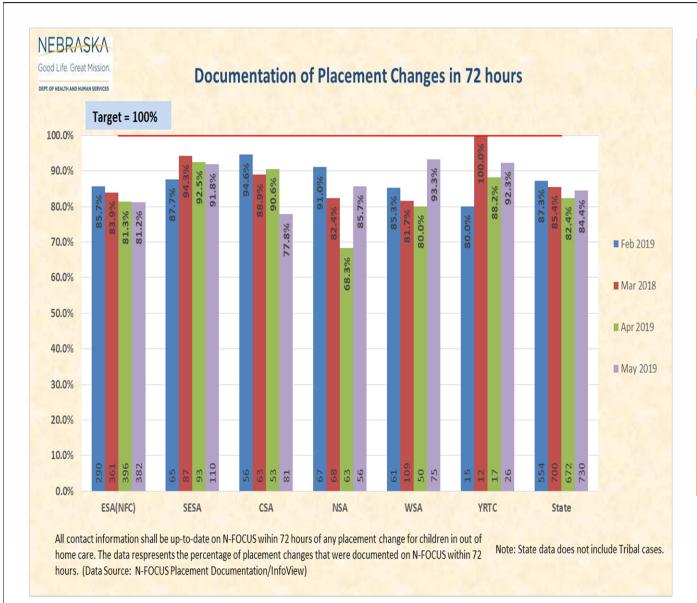
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Placement Change Documentation w/in 72 hours

Strengths/Opportunities:

Aug 2017: Statewide performance remained at (84.4%).

State performance was at 56% in May 2012.

Barriers:

Action Items:

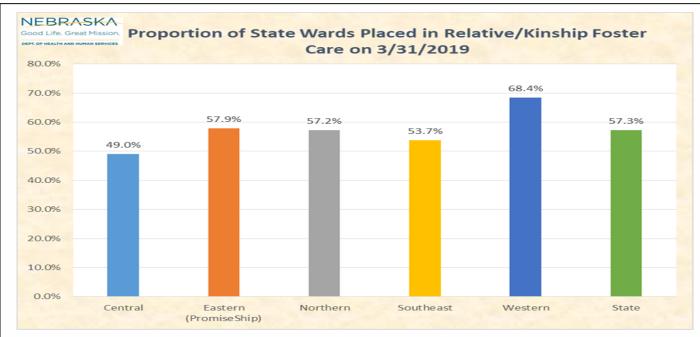
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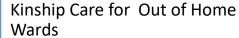
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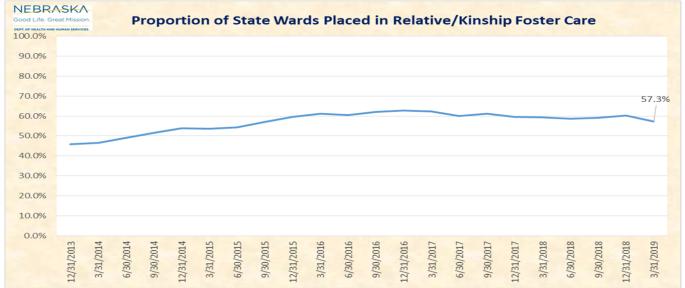




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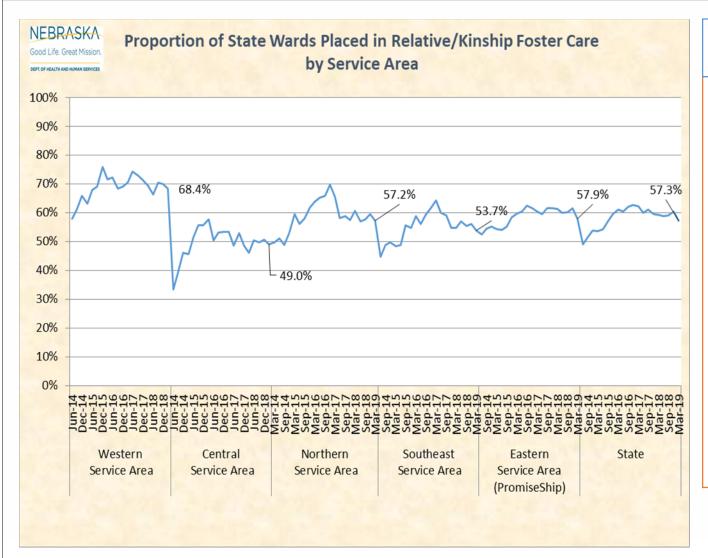
Action Items:



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Kinship Care for Out of Home Wards

Strengths/Opportunities:

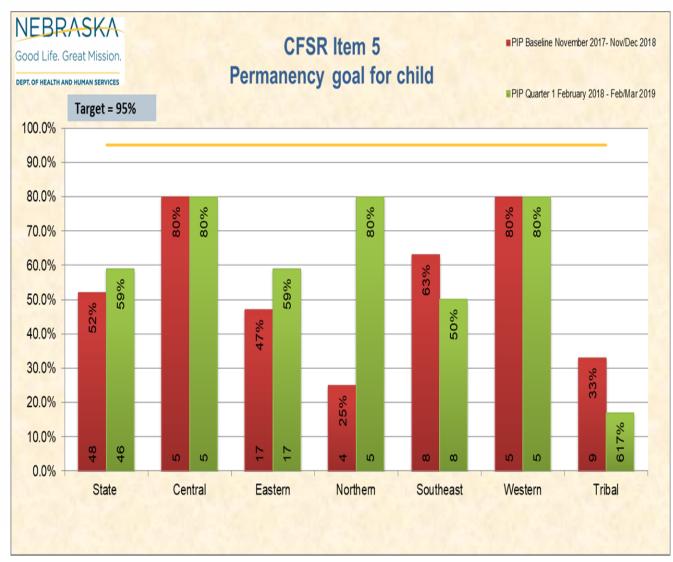
Barriers:

Action Items:

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Timely and Appropriate Permanency Goals— CFSR Item 5

Strengths/Opportunities:

Barriers:

Action Items:

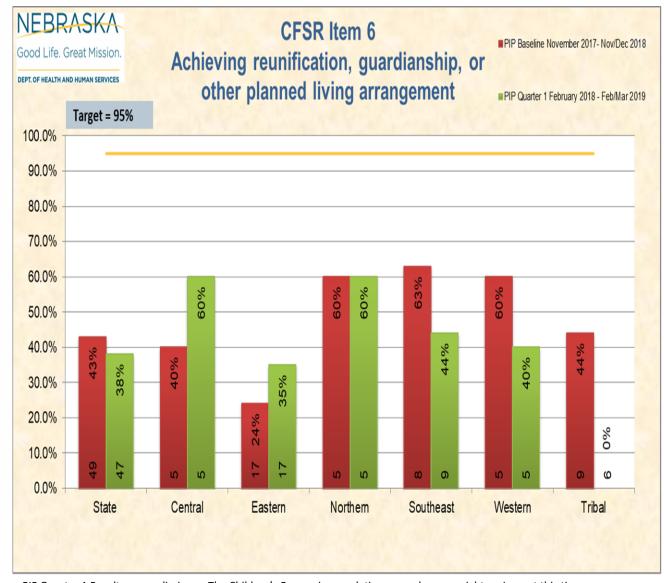
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Timely Achievement of Permanency Goals— CFSR Item 6

Strengths/Opportunities:

Barriers:

Action Items:

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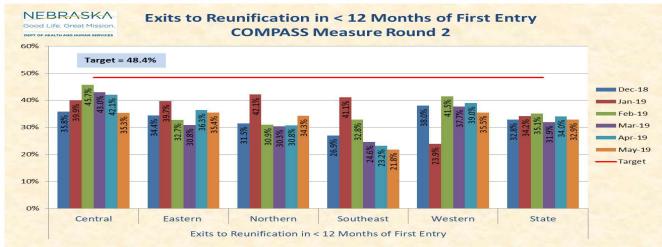
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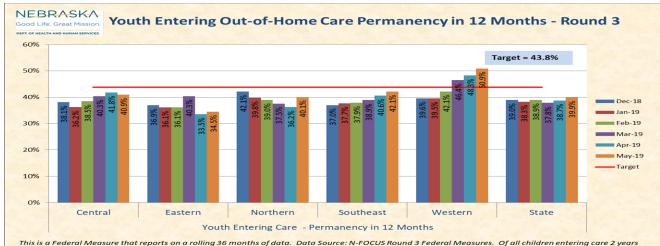
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This is a federal composite measure. Data Source: N-FOCUS COMPASS - State Wards. This is a federal measure that reports on a rolling 12-month period. For the prior reporting year, of all children entering foster care in the second 6 months of the year who remained in foster care for 8 days or longer, the percent who met either of the following criteria: (1) the child was reunified in less than 12 months from the date of entry into foster care, or (2) the child was placed in a trial home visit in less than 11 months from the date of entry into foster care and the trial home visit was the last placement setting prior to discharge to reunification. (Entry Cohort.)



Inis is a Federal Measure that reports on a rolling 36 months of add to Data Source: N-FOCUS Round 3 Federal Measures. Of all children entering care 2 years prior and who remained in care for 8 days or longer, the percent who met either of the following criteria: (1) the child was discharged to reunification, adoption or guardianship in less than 12 months from the date of entry into care, or (2) the child was placed in a trial home visit in less than 11 months from the date of entry into foster care and the trial home visit was the last placement setting prior to discharge to reunification. This is an entry cohort measure.

Timeliness of Permanency

Strengths/Opportunities:

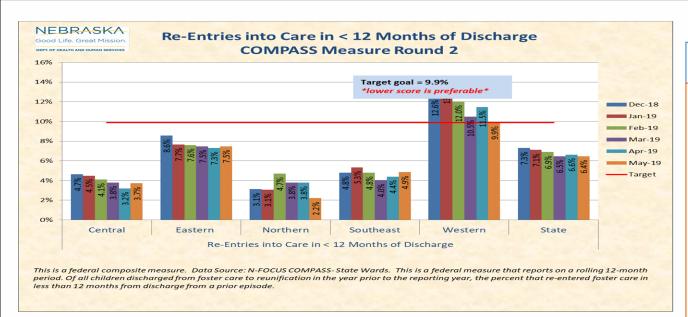
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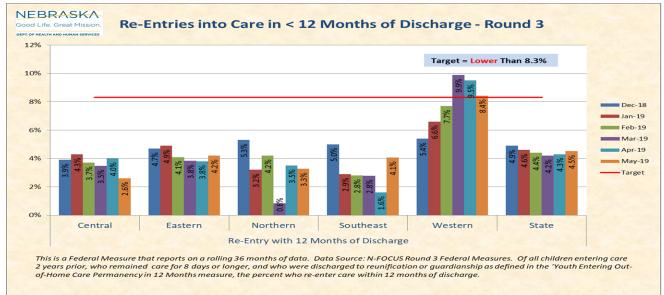
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Re Entry into Foster Care

Strengths/Opportunities:

Barriers:

Action Items:

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WELL-BEING

Well-Being Outcome #1: Families have enhanced capacities to provide for their children's needs.

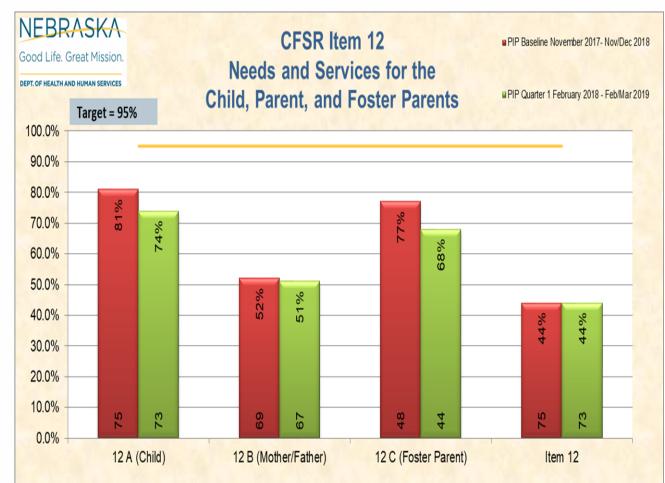
Well-Being Outcome #2: Children receive appropriate services to meet their educational needs.

Well-Being Outcome #3: Children have adequate services to meet their physical and mental health needs.



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Item 12 on the CFSR determines whether or not the agency made concerted efforts during the period under review to assess the child, parents and foster parents needs and provide services to meet needs that were identified. Item 12 A is about the children's needs and services, 12 B is about both the mother and father's needs and services, and 12 C is about the foster parent's needs and services. The three parts of Item 12 are combined into one item as a whole to determine if the overall item is a strength or area needing improvement.

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Child, Parent & Foster Parent Needs Assessment – CFSR 12

Strengths/Opportunities:

Barriers:

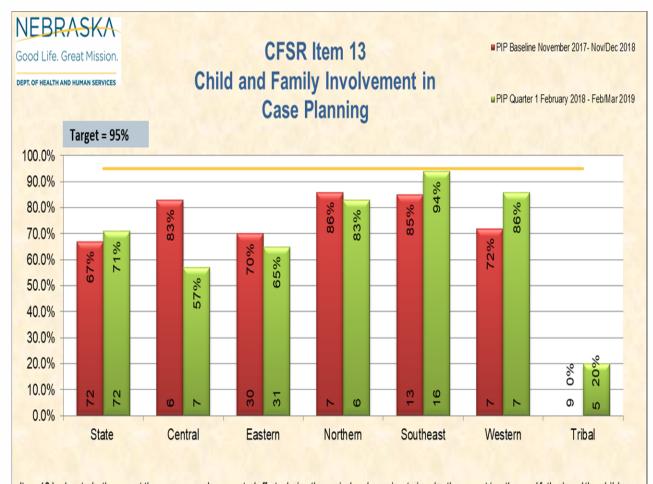
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Item 13 looks at whether or not the agency made concerted efforts during the period under review to involve the parent (mother and father) and the children during the case planning process. Children and parents have to contribute to the creation of the case plan goals and review them with the agency on an ongoing basis for this item to be rated as a strength.

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Case Planning Involvement – CFSR 13

Strengths/Opportunities:

Barriers:.

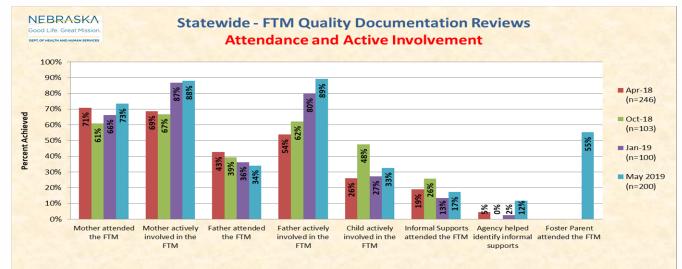
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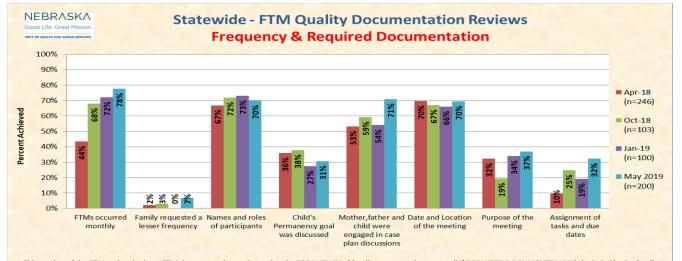
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This section of the Family Team Meeting review looks at FTM Documentation to determine if the <u>PARENTS, CHILD, and INFORMAL SUPPORTS</u> are attending and actively involved in the <u>family team meeting</u>. Active involvement can include, but is not limited to: Discussing strengths and needs, discussing services and service providers, discussing case plan goals, and/or evaluating progress in the case.

Note: Questions regarding Foster Parent Involvement were added to the review in May 2019.



This section of the FTM review looks at FTM documentation to determine the <u>FREQUENCY</u> of family team meetings, as well <u>if REQUIRED DOCUMENTTAION</u> is included in the family team meeting. Documentation in the Family Team Meeting narratives required by policy include: (A) Names and roles of participants in the meeting, (B) The child's permanency goal, (C) Efforts made to engage the mother, father, or children in the development and progression of the case plan, (D) When and where the meeting occurred, (E), The purpose of the meeting, (F) Discussion of the meeting topics, & (G) assignment of tasks including who is responsible and any time frames established.

Family Team Meeting Quality

Strengths/Opportunities:

Barriers:

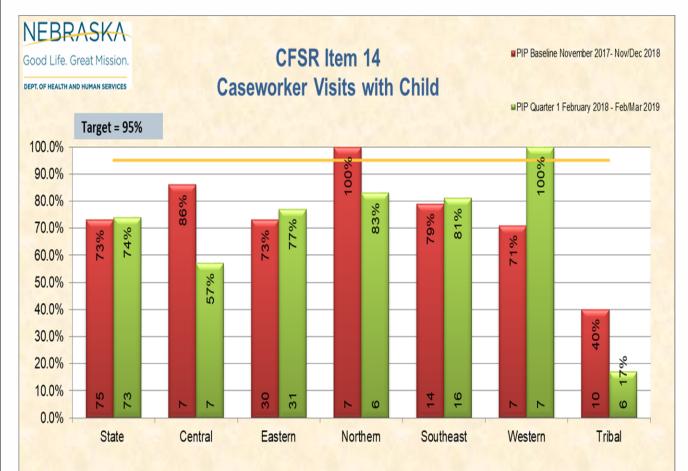
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Item 14 on the CFSR looks at both the frequency and quality of the caseworker visits with the children in the case. This item looks at whether or not the frequency and quality of visits between the caseworker and the children in the case were sufficient to ensure safety, permanency, and well being of the child and promote achievement of case goals. Children should be seen privately when age appropriate and at least monthly in order for this item to be counted as a strength.

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Caseworker Contact with Child CFSR 14

Strengths/Opportunities:

Barriers:

Action Items:

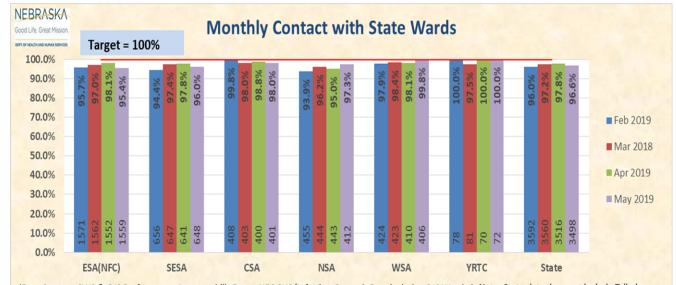
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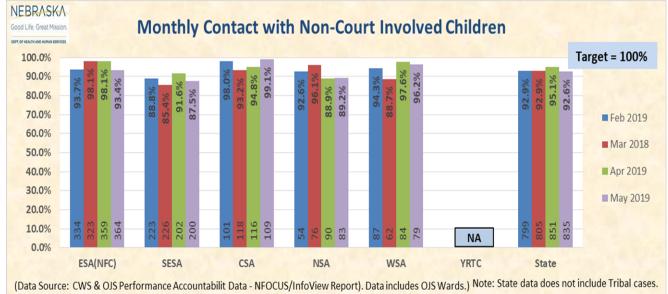
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(Data Source: CWS & OJS Performance Accountabilit Data - NFOCUS/InfoView Report). Data includes OJS Wards.) Note: State data does not include Tribal cases.



Monthly Contact with State Wards and Non-Court Involved Child

Strengths/Opportunities:

Note: In May 2012, the state performance was at 53.4% for this measure.

Barriers:

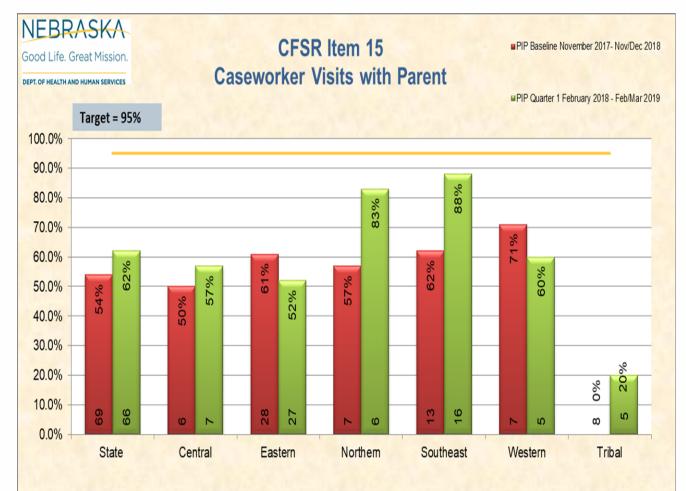
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Item 15 on the CFSR looks at both the frequency and quality of the caseworker visits with both the mother and the father in the case. This item looks at whether or not the frequency and quality of visits between the caseworker and the mother and father of the child(ren) in the case were sufficient to ensure safety, permanency, and well being of the child and promote achievement of case goals. Each parent should be seen at least monthly in order for this item to be counted as a strength.

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Caseworker Contact with Parent CFSR 15

Strengths/Opportunities:

Barriers:

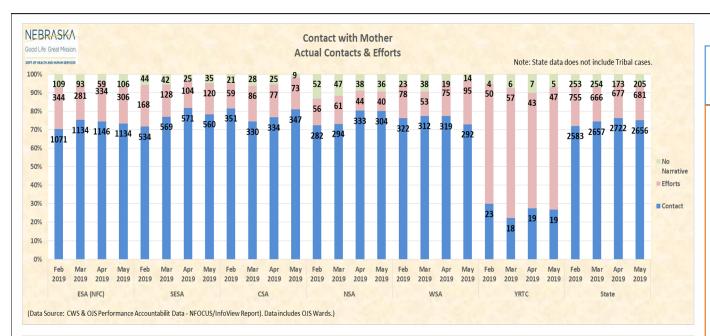
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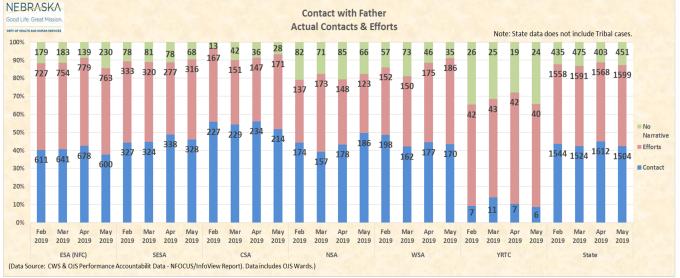
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*Note: Data includes parent contact in both court & non-court involved cases.

Worker Face to Face Contact with Mother and Father

Strengths/Opportunities:

Note: The performance accountability report
was modified to require a contact for all
parents whose rights are still intact regardless
of the child's permanency goal. Prior to this,
the report did not require a parent contact for
all youth whose permanency goals were
adoption, guardianship or independent living.

Barriers:

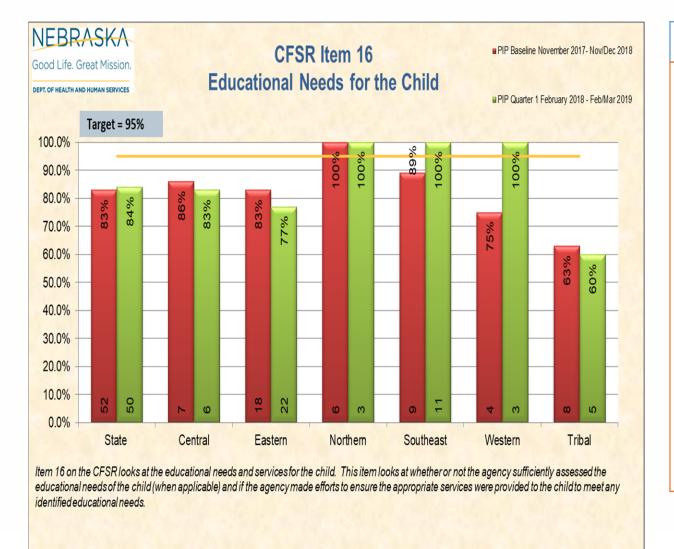
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Needs and Services for the Child (Educational Needs – CFSR Item 16)

Strengths/Opportunities:

Barriers:

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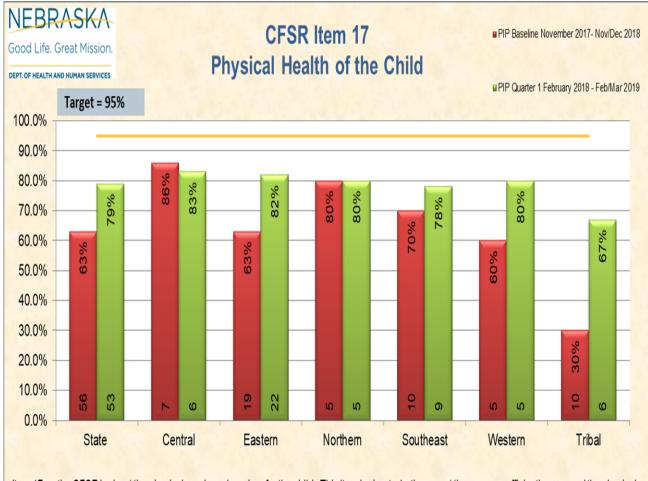
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Item 17 on the CFSR looks at the physical needs and services for the child. This item looks at whether or not the agency sufficiently assessed the physical health of the child (when applicable) and if the agency made efforts to ensure the appropriate services were provided to the child to meet any identified physical health needs.

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Needs and Services for the Child (Physical Health Needs – CFSR Item 17)

Strengths/Opportunities:

Barriers:

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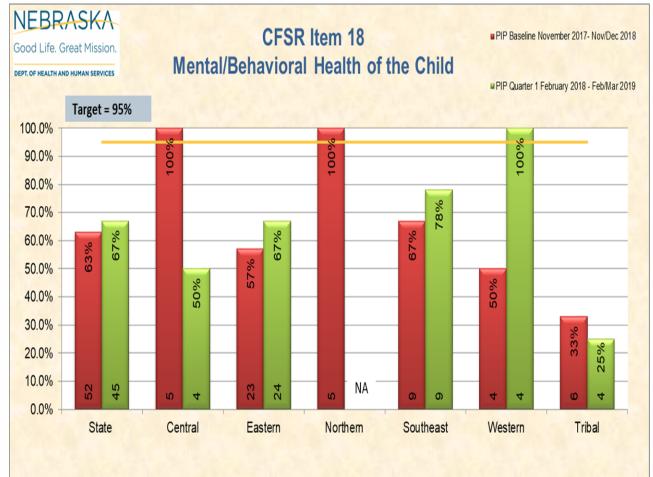
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Item 18 on the CFSR looks at the mental/behavioral health and services for the child. This item looks at whether or not the agency sufficiently assessed the mental/behavioral health of the child (when applicable) and if the agency made efforts to ensure the appropriate services were provided to the child to meet any identified mental/behavioral health needs.

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Needs and Services for the Child (Mental/Behavioral Health Needs – CFSR Item 18)

Strengths/Opportunities:

Barriers:

Action Items:

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N-FOCUS Updates



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N-FOCUS Enhancements – Recently Implemented

April 2019:

Court Report Electronic Submission-N-Focus Court Reports sent electronically to Judges Portal.

Court Report Guardian Address-address for guardian added to correspondence.

Change of Placement Notice-Redesign to allow for more relationships to pull in and create notices for wards who are parents.

B2I Program Case Edits Removed-Allows cases to be opened at any time in Pending Status to help track applications.

B2I Program Case Close Reasons-additions to work better with B2I cases.

B2I Non-Ward Reasons-additions to work better with B2I cases.

Independent Living Placements-additions for B2I participants.

Placement Preferences/Provider Matching-simplified to match homes and how conditions are selected.

Bar Coding for IMFC/IV-E Review Categories-adding bar code for Document Imaging.

Update Allegations-in screened out intakes, if the intake is in closed status, updates can still be made.

Remove Orgs from Intakes-new security to allow removal of orgs from intakes separate from security to remove persons.

Update Rescreen Decision-allow decision to be updated if an error made.

Central Registry Web Expungements-Can be expunged en masse after a review and spreadsheet provided by CR team.



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N-FOCUS Enhancements – Planned

August 2019:

Family First Prevention Services – Changes for Limitations on Non-Foster Home IV-E/QRTP Placements

Family First Prevention Services – Claims processing updates for IV-E/QRTP Limitations

Family First Prevention Services – New Prevention Plan for candidates for foster care and pregnant/parenting wards or B2I young adults.

Family First Prevention Services – Placement with a Parent in a Substance Treatment Facility

Correspondence – Sibling Placement Report to courts

Service Referral – Update statuses for error correction

Court Report - Reviewed by Function added

Intake Rescreeen – Remove edit requiring consultation point

Intake Exceptions – Move LE Hold from Admin to Supervisor exception

Findings – Do not allow substantiated or court pending findings without a perpetrator



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